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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

T. William Hutchens et al.

Application No.: 10/728,442

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
DESORPTION AND IONIZATION OF  
ANALYTES

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 27, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks. This amendment is accompanied by a three-month Request for Extension of Time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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